

# Alaska Local and Regional Information

Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our “standard” employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker’s geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

## Alaska

Alaska is the largest state in the U.S. by area. It became the 49th state on January 3, 1959.

### Alaska Economic Trends Articles

- [Statewide Jobs Forecast 2020 \(January 2020\)](#)
- [More Job Losses Expected in 2017, Moderate losses forecasted across most sectors this year \(January 2017\)](#)

### Worker Characteristics

<b>Residents age 16 and over</b>
<b>Residents employed</b>
Female workers
Male workers
Workers age 45 and over
Workers age 50 and over
<b>Total wages</b>
<b>Sector employed in</b>
Private
Local government
State government
<b>Peak quarterly employment</b>
<b>Workers employed all 4 quarters</b>
<b>New hires</b>
<b>Unemployment insurance claimants</b>

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section. Last updated September 2016.